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### CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER

About 5,458,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during September at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with last month's arrivals of 4,978,000 pounds, this represents an increase of 480,000 pounds, or 10 percent. An increase of 87,000 pounds is also shown compared with the September 1941 figure.

During September 1942, 88 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh and salt-water--from 27 States, Alaska, and 8 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,807,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 1,721,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 931,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,570,000 pounds of the total September receipts; 1,888,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from British Columbia--822,000 pounds of which 754,000 pounds was in bond--mostly fresh and frozen halibut.

Fresh-water species--fresh and frozen--received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during September were lake trout (569,000 pounds); whitefish (344,000 pounds); and sauger (299,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were fresh and frozen halibut (793,000 pounds), fresh and frozen salmon (157,000 pounds), and frozen rosefish fillets (142,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 703,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp, and 112,000 pounds of shell and shucked oysters.

Of the September totals, 2,223,000 pounds were shipped by express; 1,911,000 pounds by truck; and 1,325,000 pounds by freight. Massachusetts (636,000 pounds) and Wisconsin (609,000 pounds) lead all other states as producers, supplying rosefish fillets, and fresh and frozen lake trout, respectively, as most important single items.

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